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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 94-1330

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1. PASS TO TOM CROSSAN, AND HARRY BROWN. THE FOLLOWING IS
CONFERENCE REPORT NO. 94-1330, DATED JULY 1, 1976, ON FY
1977 APPROPRIATION: QUOTE OFFICE OF TERRITORIAL AFFAIRS;
AMENDMENT NO. 40: REPORTED IN TECHNICAL DISAGREEMENT. THE
MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE WILL OFFER A MOTION TO
RECEDE AND CONCUR IN THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE WITH AN
AMENDMENT APPROPRIATING \$79,077,000 FOR TRUST TERRITORY OF
THE PACIFIC ISLANDS INSTEAD OF \$84,566,000 AS PROPOSED BY
THE HOUSE AND \$81,277,000 AS PROPOSED BY THE SENATE. THE
MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE SENATE WILL MOVE TO CONCUR IN
THE AMENDMENT OF THE HOUSE TO THE AMENDMENT OF THE SENATE.
THE DECREASE UNDER THE AMOUNT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE CONSISTS
OF THE FOLLOWING: \$1,000,000 FOR OPERATIONS GRANTS, PUBLIC
WORKS DEPARTMENT; \$48,000 FOR GENERAL REDUCTION IN OTHER
OPERATIONS GRANTS; \$2,241,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION GRANTS FOR
SEVEN LOWER PRIORITY PROJECTS; AND \$2,200,000 FOR DORMITORY
FACILITIES, MARSHALL ISLANDS. THE MANAGERS ARE IN AGREEMENT
THAT THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN THE TRUST TERRITORY IS AN
IMPORTANT AND VITAL ONE IF A VIABLE AND WORKABLE INFRA-
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STRUCTURE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE TERRITORY.

THE MANAGERS ARE AWARE THAT THE OFFICE OF TERRITORIES IS NOW REASSESSING THE ENTIRE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM IN THE TERRITORIES AND THAT THE CURRENT CONSTRUCTION MORATORIUM WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF DELAYING ALL PROJECTS, BOTH THOSE WHICH ARE ALREADY FUNDED AND THOSE PROVIDED IN THIS APPROPRIATION. THE MANAGERS HAVE, THEREFORE, AGREED TO THE PROJECT DELETIONS PROPOSED BY THE SENATE. THIS ACTION IS TAKEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THESE ITEMS IN A SUBSEQUENT APPROPRIATION. UNQUOTE

THE ABOVE IS JUST THE REPORT TO BOTH HOUSES. CONGRESS RECONVENES JULY 19, 1976, AND FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE CONFERENCE REPORT SHOULD FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER. PER H. GALLAGHER. DOTA SENDS. KISSINGER

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